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Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne to Host Sonora Education Secretary Horacio Soria Salazar

PHOENIX (Wednesday, September 7, 2005) -- Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne will meet with Sonora's Secretary of Education Horacio Soria Salazar on Thursday, September 8. The meeting will be held at the campus of the East Valley Institute of Technology, 1601 West Main Street, Mesa. The meeting will begin with a press conference between 1:45 and 2:15 at the Board Room in Building 3.

This meeting is the third meeting between the two highest ranking education officials in the neighboring states of Arizona and Sonora. On his previous visit to Arizona, Secretary Soria was presented with information about Arizona's student and schools accountability program and the use of technology in the classroom. The state of Sonora was the first state in Mexico to implement a process of student assessment and accountability which was developed in part with information shared by Arizona.

"I am extremely pleased to have helped Sonora's accountability system," said Horne. "Now, Sonora's implementation has ideas that we can learn from, in improving our own accountability system."

Superintendent Horne will highlight for Secretary Soria Salazar Arizona's system of School Support which is in place to help districts with low student achievement. Also on the agenda are presentations by Arizona Department of Education staff on Arizona's Special Education and Career and Technical Education programs and a presentation on the Department's budget process.

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